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SUBJECT: JUNE 10 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. SYNDICATED COLUMNISTS ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK, WRITING IN WASHINGTON POST JUNE 10, SAID "WHATEVER ULTIMATE COST OF UNNOTICED BURIAL OF PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD (PFIAB), SHORT-RUN EFFECT IS TO SILENCE MOST IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE SOUNDING BOARD-- OTHER THAN US INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES THEMSELVES--FOR EVERY PRESIDENT SINCE DWIGHT EISENHOWER." EVANS AND NOVAK SAID PFIAB PERSUADED FORMER PRESIDENT FORD AND EX-CIA CHIEF GEORGE BUSH TO ENGAGE AN OUTSIDE TEAM OF HARD-LINE EXPERTS TO DEBATE CIA'S ESTIMATE OF SOVIET INTENTIONS AND CAPABILITIES LAST SUMMER. "THOSE EXPERTS, CALLED 'TEAM B,' PRODUCED MUCH HARSHER ESTIMATES THAN CIA'S 'TEAM A' OF EXPERTS. RESULT: MUCH HARDER-NOSED 'NATIONAL ESTIMATE' REGARDED BY EXPERTS AS FAR MORE REALISTIC THAN ESTIMATES

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BY CIA ACTING ALONE," EVANS AND NOVAK SAID. THEY SAID SCUTTling OF PFIAB "IS CLEARLY TIED TO FEAR OF SIMILAR OUTSIDE COMPETITION FOR INTELLIGENCE BUREAUCRACY, PLUS DESIRE TO CENTRALIZE CONTROL OVER ALL INTELLIGENCE WITHIN CIA AND NSC STAFF INSIDE WHITE HOUSE." CITING SEVERAL "INCIDENTS" TO SUPPORT THEIR CHARGE, THEY SAID:

DR. RICHARD PIPES, HARVARD RUSSIAL SCHOOL WHO PLAYED KEY ROLE IN 'TEAM B' LAST SUMMER, BELIEVED HE HAD INFORMAL AGREEMENT FROM ACDA FOR UP TO 7,500 DOLLARS TO HELP FINANCE HARVARD-MIT CONFERENCE ON BASIC SOVIET STRATEGIC DOCTRINE. BUT ACDA, NOW UNDER CONTROVERSIAL DIRECTOR PAUL WARNKE, INFORMED PIPES LAST MONTH IT COULD NOT HELP FUND PROJECT (EVEN THOUGH WARNKE HAS PUBLICLY SAID HE HAS NO IDEA WHETHER MOSCOW SEEKS MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER US OR SIMPLY EQUALITY)."

2. STEPHEN S. ROSENFELD OF WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL BOARD IN OP-ED PAGE ARTICLE SAID LATEST FLAP OVER MARK 12A "TELLS US SOMETHING WE AND RUSSIANS DESPERATELY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WHY ARMS BUILDING AND ARMS CONTROL ARE SO PAINFULLY OUT OF PHASE. IT TELLS US THAT NEITHER SIDE YET RESPECT OTHER'S FEAR THAT ITS ADVERSARY SEEKS NOT EQUIVALENCE OR PARITY OR BALANCE OR STABILITY BUT ADVANTAGE OF SOME THREATENING KIND." ROSENFELD SAID "POINT--AND PRIDE--OF ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSALS FOR 'DEEP CUTS' IN STRATEGIC ARMS IS TO ASSURE EACH SIDE THAT ITS DETERRENT IS SAFE. YET MARK 12A CAN ONLY MAKE KREMLIN FEEL THAT ITS DETERRENT IS NOT SAFE. NEW WARHEAD NOT ONLY UNDERMINES STRATEGIC STABILITY, IT ALSO UNDERMINES PRESIDENT'S OWN POSITION ON NUCLEAR ARMS LIMITATION JUST AS SURELY AS DOES KREMLIN'S WORK ON SILO-BUSTING MISSILES OF ITS OWN. PRESUMPTUOUS AS IT MAY SOUND, I THINK THAT NEITHER AMERICAN OR RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT TRULY UNDERSTANDS DETERRENCE. PEOPLE LIKE CARTER AND BRZEZINSKI AND VANCE AND THEIR RUSSIAN COUNTERPARTS NO DOUBT UNDERSTAND UNCLASSIFIED

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DETERRENCE INTELLECTUALLY, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE THIS UNDERSTANDING PREVAIL ADEQUATELY OVER BUREAUCRATIC AND EMOTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT CLUTTER UP THINKING ABOUT ARMS. THEY AREN'T VENAL--THEY'RE LAZY-MINDED...US COULD, IF CARTER CHOSE, ACT IN AMERICAN INTEREST ON HIS OWN AND SIMPLY SUSPEND PROGRAM ON MARK 12A, AX WEAPON THAT PROMISES ONLY FLEETING 'ADVANTAGE' IN COMPETITION IN WHICH REAL ADVANTAGE, IF THEIR IS ONE, LIES IN FALLING BEHIND. FEEBLE BUT GOOD-INTENTIONED HUMPHREY RESOLUTION CURRENTLY PENDING SANCTIONS SUCH PRESIDENTIAL COURSE. IF SELF-RESTRAINT DID NOT PRODUCE NEGOTIATED OR TACIT MUTUAL RESTRAINT, WE WOULD AT LEAST KNOW THAT RUSSIANS BY CONTINUING WORK ON THEIR SILO-BUSTING WEAPONS, WERE NOT GAINING ADVANTAGE BUT WERE ONLY MAKING THINGS WORSE FOR BOTH OF US." ROSENFELD SAID ALTON FRYE, IN FORTHCOMING ARTICLE IN FOREIGN POLICY MAGAZINE, SUGGESTS THAT US ENGAGE RUSSIANS AT POLITICAL LEVEL IN DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC DOCTRINE--TO ENHANCE BOTH SIDES' UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS NO FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO NUCLEAR DETERRENCE

AND TO PARTICULAR WEAPONS PROGRAMS AND CONTROLS THAT
DETERRENCE DICTATES.

3. BALTIMORE SUN EDITORIALY SAID "PENDING THOROUGH
AIRING OF ALL STRATEGIC QUESTIONS AND CLEARING F AIR
ON SALT, WE WOULD FAVOR CLOSEST THING TO HOLDING ACTION
ON B-1 BOMBER."

4. JUNE 10 ISSUE OF SCIENCE OBSERVED THAT CONGRESS LAST
MONTH APPROVED TWO MISSILE "IMPROVEMENT" PROGRAMS WHICH
SOME PEOPLE VIEW AS FIRST "BIG STEP" TOWARD GIVING US
FIRST STRIKE CAPABILITY AGAINST SOVIET UNION'S STRATEGIC
FORCES. "THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT UNLESS PROGRAM IS DE-
LAYED OR HALTED BY PRESIDENT, OR BARGAINED AWAY AT SALT--
AND THERE IS NO SIGN THAT EITHER OF THESE THINGS IS
LIKELY--IT WILL SPUR ANOTHER ESCALATION OF ARMS RACE,"
MAGAZINE SAID. PROGRAMS ARE 29.9 MILLION DOLLARS FOR
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SOFTWARE CHANGES IN EXISTING NS-20 GUIDANCE SYSTEM NOW
ABOARD MINUTEMAN THREE MISSILES AND 67 MILLION DOLLARS FOR
MARK 12A WARHEAD. ARTICLE SAID SOVIET AND AMERICAN AD-
VANCES IN ELECTRONICS, MAPPING AND MINIATURIZATION IN
WARHEAD DESIGN JEOPARDIZE OTHER SIDE'S FORCE EVEN MORE.
SCIENCE QUOTED ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL AS SAYING "THIS
PROBLEM IS AT HEART OF PROBLEMS BEING ADDRESSED AT SALT."

5. IN DISPATCH FROM NATO DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING IN
OTTAWA, NEW YORK TIMES QUOTED NATO SECRETARY GENERAL
JOSEPH LUNS AS SAYING SOVIET UNION HAD DEPLOYED ITS NEW
INTERMEDIATE RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE, SS-20, IN WESTERN
MILITARY REGIONS OF SOVIET UNION. MISSILE REPORTEDLY CAN
HIT ANY TARGET IN WESTERN EUROPE WITH ITS THREE WARHEADS;
TIMES PUBLISHED DISPATCH FROM MOSCOW QUOTING PRAVDA AS
SAYING US DEPLOYMENT OF POWERFUL NEW NUCLEAR WARHEAD IS
EFFORT TO GAIN BARGAINING CHIP IN SALT.

6. STEPHANIE G. NEUMAN, MEMBER OF GRADUATE FACULTY AT
NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH, SAID "AS MORE NON-WESTERN
POLICYMAKERS DEMAND CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN RESOURCES AND
AFFAIRS, AMERICANS MUST ABANDON THEIR PRECONCEPTIONS ABOUT
ARMS AND DEVELOPMENT AND PERMIT THIRD-WORLD LEADERS THEIR
OWN DEFENSE AND DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS. FUTURE AMERICAN
AID WILL HAVE TO ACHIEVE DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN THESE
NEEDS AND US SECURITY INTERESTS." WRITING IN NEW YORK
TIMES, SHE EMPHASIZED THAT BEFORE CRITERIA FOR SUCH POLICY
CAN BE ESTABLISHED, INTERDISCIPLINARY GROUP SHOULD BE
APPOINTED TO STUDY AND ASSESS ECONOMIC SPIN-OFF EFFECTS
ARMS TRANSFERS HAVE ON RECIPIENT. "CLEARLY, LEARNING
WHICH ARMS-TRANSFER AND TRAINING PROGRAMS SUIT SOCIO-

ECONOMIC NEEDS OF RECIPIENT COUNTRIES AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

OF DEVELOPMENT IS PREREQUISITE FOR ANY COHERENT POLICY OF
CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS AND CONTROLS. UNILATERAL
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INTERESTS OF NEITHER US OR THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES. VANCE

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